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SUBJ: STABLEMATE

1. FOL PRESS ITEMS APPEARED 25 SEP:

A. YOMIURI REPORTED THAT A US C5A CARRYING DISMANTLED
MIG 25 LEFT HAKODATE FRO HYAKURI AIR BASE AT 11:35 PM
FRIDAY 24 SEP. LOADING BEGAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLAN ARRIVED
AT HAKODATE AT 0701 PM. MAIN WING, VERTICAL TAILS AND
FUSELAGE WERE LOADED IN THAT ORDER. THE JDA FRIDAY APPOINTED
MGEN MATSUI AS LEADER OF TEAM OF ABOUT 40 EXPERTS ASSIGNED
TO EXAMINE THE MIG.

B. YOMIURI CONTINUED WITH REPORT OF PROTEST NEAR HYAKURI
AIR BASE. 30 RESIDENTS OF OGAWAMACHI WHERE AIR BASE IS
SITUATED DISTRIBUTED 5000 HANDILLS THURSDAY IN PROTEST
AGAINST PLANNED TRANSPORT OF MIG-25 FROM HOKKAIDO. LATER
PROTESTERS DEMONSTRATED AT FRONT GATE OF HYAKURI BASE. BASE
OFFICIALS FRIDAY KEPT TIGHT CHECK ON ENTRY OF REPORTERS TO
THE BASE. THEY SAID THEY WOULD MAKE NO FURTHER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE FIGHTER.

C. IN RELATED ARTICLE YOMIURI REPORTED THAT TASS THURSDAY AGAIN STRONGLY WARNED JAPAN THAT THE INSPECTION OF THE MIG25 CANNOT BUT AFFECT SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS MOST NEGATIVELY. TASS ALSO ANNOUNCED A STATEMENT BY THE SOVIET-JAPAN SOCIETY WHICH EXPRESSED INDIGNATION WITH "ILLEGAL ACTIONS OF THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES". AND REGARDS THE ACTIONS OF THE JAPANESE SIDE AS ANINTOLERABLE ARBITRARINESS, AS A GROSS FLOUTING OF BASIC NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND GENERALLY-RECOGNIZED PRACTICE OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS." IN SUCH A WAY, THE SOVIET UNION IS STRENGTHENING ITS CRITICISM OF JAPAN ON THE MIG CASE THROUGH ALL SORTS OF MEANS. OBSERVERS, THEREFORE, BELIEVE THAT IT IS UNAVOIDABLE FOR THE INCIDENT TO AFFECT JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS.

D. JAPAN TIMES REPORTED THAT JAPANESE AND US SPECIALISTS TODAY ARE SCHEDULED TO START EXAMINING PART BY PART, THE SUPERSECRET MIG-25. THE DETAILED INSPECTION WILL BE MADE BY JAPANESE EXPERTS WITH THE HELP OF THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS. FOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST ARE THE HUGE TWIN ENGINES, FIRE CONTVROL SYSTEM, ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURE AND ELECTORONIC COUNTR COUNTERMEASURE EQUIPMENT AND DEVICE TO IDENTIFY FRIEND OR FOE, ACCORDING TO SOURCES CLOSE TO THE DEFENSE AGENCY. THE SPECIALISTS WILL BE JOINED BY A NEW TEAM OF JAPANESE EXPERTS ENT TO THE U.S. THIS SPRING FOR SELECTION OF JAPAN'S NEXT MAINSTAY FIGHTERS FOR COMPARATIVE STUDY. DURING THE ANALYTICAL WORK AT THE AIR BASE, THE RADAR AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WILL BE SWITCHED ON AND THE ENGINES WILL BE FIRED TO EXAMINE THEIR PERFORMANCES, THE SOURCES SAID. THE DEFENSE AGENCY HOPES TO COMPLETE THE WORK IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

E. JAPAN TIMES CONTINUED THAT DURING LOADING AND TRANSFER OF THE MIG-25 AT HAKODATE AMONG MASSIVE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, FIVE DESTROYERS, TWO SUBCHASERS AND ONE TORPEDO BOAT OF THE MARITIME SELF-DEFENSE AGENCY (MSA) GUARDED THE ENTRANCE TO THE TSUGARU CHANNEL. ABOUT 300 PLAINCLOTHESMEN AND UNIFORMED POLICE WERE STATIONED AT AND AROUND THE AIRPORT.

2.OTHER PAPERS CARRIED SIMILAR REPORTS.

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